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Dear MOSES Members,

As you all have heard by now, the Senate budget, released last week, includes dramatic cuts to DEP, DCR and the Department of Public Health. These cuts would result in an astounding number of layoffs, which would include many MOSES members.
IT IS CRUCIAL THAT MEMBERS ACT TODAY !

We must send the message that these funds need to be restored to levels that allows us to fulfill the mandates of our agencies.

The Senate will begin debating the budget today!

We need you to call your State Senator at 617 722-2000 THIS WEEK. Urge them to support the following amendments during budget debate:

- For DEP (2200-0100): Amendment 188
- For DPH (4510-0100): Amendment 428
- For DCR (2810-0100): Amendment 171
 - Give your name and town.
 - Ask to speak to the Senator. If they are not available, ask to speak to a staff member.
 - Let them know their support of funding for DCR, DEP and DPH is important to you.

These line items must be restored to protect public health, safety and the environment.

To find your State Senator, go to www.wheredolvotema.com or www.mass.gov/legis

For additional information about the amendments MOSES is supporting and opposing during Senate budget debate this week, please see our fact sheet below.

Amendment Fact Sheet

Background

DEP administers many of the Commonwealth's crucial environmental monitoring and permitting processes. The proposed cuts would mean that the agency would have to lay off 120 staff members, limit technical assistance to municipalities, close a regional office, limit drinking water testing and slow permitting processes for months, hampering Massachusetts' fragile economic recovery. The proposed cuts to DCR would mean that an additional 10 parks could see closures this summer and staff would be cut back considerably. Last year we saw a 30% rise in visits to State and Urban Parks, it makes no sense to cut funding when families are depending on these services for the recreation opportunities. DPH saw cuts of 8% in the Senate's FY2012 budget. This will amount to laying off staff, including chemists and epidemiologists responsible for monitoring and addressing infectious diseases as they arise in the Commonwealth.

PLEASE ACT TODAY !

Thanks,
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